the part of the present Council that induced the Government to continue the policy. The Council recommended in their resolution, dated 17th Kanni 1103, that the present Chairman might be re-nominated for the current term also. Government accepted the recommendation keeping in view the best interests of the Council.

(c) Government have not laid down any definite conditions or guarantees in the matter.

(d) Government do not consider that any public interest will be served by disclosing these names at so distant a date.

(e) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (d).

(f) The attention of the Member is invited to the press communique, dated 7th December 1925, and this Council Proceedings of 1101 (printed report Volume II, pages 108—170).

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I request I may be allowed to say a few words, with regard to Mr. Salem's questions.

Since Saturday is a sacred day for Jews, I request that, in future, Mr. Salem's questions may not be tabled on Saturdays, whenever there is meeting on a Saturday. I think there is only one Saturday on which there is Council sitting and that is in the Budget Session. The other sessions generally extend only to Friday.

President.—It will be seen that Mr. Salem's questions are not answered on Saturdays. But if he wants any further information, he can send in fresh questions.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Yes, anybody can do that.

President.—What I stated is that it will not be a disadvantage. If a fresh fact is to be elucidated, he can do so.

Water-supply in Mattancheri.

158. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(a) 1. Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of money spent for making pure drinking water available to the residents of Mattancheri in the year 1104;

2. what is the total quantity of water transported to Mattancheri from the pipe system at Ernakulam;

3. what is the quantity of water that is to be made available for drinking purposes in Mattancheri in the year 1105;

4. has the Government or the Mattancheri Municipality made any estimate as to the quantity of water that will be required for giving a pure and protected water supply to the town of Mattancheri;

5. what is the total length of pipes laid in Mattancheri;

6. when would house service connections be introduced in Mattancheri;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state their

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objections, if any, for introducing house service connections immediately or the conditions required for such introduction ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon —(a) 1. Under original works Rs. 31,319—8—0 and under maintenance works Rs. 6,878—12—6.

2. A quantity ranging between 16 and 18 thousand gallons per day.

3. The quantity is not yet fixed. It is expected that the quantity will have to be increased to 25,000 gallons per day.

4. The probable quantity of water that would be required after the completion of the scheme was estimated to be about 4½ lakhs gallons. Under the present condition it is expected that it will be possible to supply about 60,000 gallons per day.

5. 12,400 feet.

6. After all the street taps and mains are laid.

(b) Please vide answers to (a) (6).

Companies in Mattancheri.

159. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the number of registered Companies existing in Mattancheri;

(b) and the total amount of company tax collected by the Municipality in the year 1104 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Fifteen.

(b) Rs. 1,235 till 24th Mithunam 1104.

Total Government Tax in Mattancheri.

160. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the total amount of revenue under all heads of receipts collected from the town of Mattancheri through the various Departments of the Government, and the total amount of expenditure spent in Mattancheri ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not possible to give an answer as the period for which information is wanted is not specified.

Qualifications of a Tahsildar.

161. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the qualifications for a Tahsildarship at present prescribed by Government;

(2) have the rules in the general Standing Orders laid down during the Diwanship of Sir A. R. Banerji been changed subsequently;

(3) if so, will they be pleased to state what those changes are;

(4) did Mr. V. Achyuta Menon, the present Anchal Super-

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